

Announcements July 29, 2023

SPIRAL BOUND HYMNALS HAVE ARRIVED

For those of you who indicated a few months ago that you would like to have a replacement pianist/song leaders spiral bound hymnal, they have finally arrived. Mr. Kelley will have them in Hickory and Greensboro today, and in Raleigh, next Sabbath.

ROANOKE FAMILY WEEKEND

The dates for our next Roanoke Family Weekend (formerly Chatham Family Weekend) is November 11th & 12th. We are changing the name to Roanoke Family Weekend since Roanoke is the host congregation and our venue is changing this year.

We will be meeting at the Pigg River Community Center for this year's event. The address is: **2410 S Main St, Rocky Mount, VA 24151**. (not North Carolina)

Mrs. Tranquada is going to reserve a block of rooms at a discounted rate at a nearby hotel.

If you will be attending this weekend and would like to reserve a room, please let me know that so that we can estimate how many rooms to ask for. Also, do you prefer a room with a king bed or two doubles/queens? You can contact Larry Lambert at larry.lambert@cogwa.org

This weekend is becoming a favorite with Bible studies, sermons, youth classes, good food, a family dance and novelty Olympics on Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship.

SUPER SOCIAL IN FEBRUARY CANCELED

Although we had notified members several months ago that we were planning to host another Super Social in February 2024, this event has been canceled. After submitting a proposal for food to the hotel, the quote came back far over our proposed budget. We have determined it would be just too expensive to host a Super Social as we have done in the past.

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP WEEKEND 2024

Save the date! Our next Young Adult Leadership Weekend is scheduled to be held at five regional locations (California, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio and Texas) next winter over Presidents' Day weekend. A team of young adults will be working on helping us devise a theme and topics to address. We'll have more details after the Feast of Tabernacles this fall. Meanwhile, save Feb. 17-18, 2024, for what will prove to be a weekend of spiritual enrichment and fun!

RALEIGH POTLUCK

Our next potluck will be on August 12th. Our theme for this potluck is Caribbean so please bring your favorite Caribbean foods and plan to have a relaxing afternoon of food and fellowship.

Some suggestions: Jerk Chicken, Caribbean Beef Patties, Goat Curry, Rice and Peas, etc., or google Caribbean recipes and try something new.

FEAST VOUCHER

As a reminder, the latest letter sent out from Mr. Jim Franks also contained four holy day offering envelopes and a pocket calendar. Printed on the back side of the letter is your voucher to receive the new book, *Five Tools for Spiritual Growth*, and the 2024 wall calendar. These will be distributed at the Feast of Tabernacles in the continental U.S. this fall. It is very important that you keep this voucher to claim your book and wall calendar.

If you did not receive this letter or have mistakenly disposed of it, please contact the headquarters office at 972-521-7777 or send an email to greg.mccloud@cogwa.org.

You should secure these in a place where you know you won't forget them when you go to the Feast. If you are unable to attend the Feast, or going to a location outside the continental US, DO NOT give your voucher to someone else to pick up for you! Please contact your Pastor and your book and calendar will be ordered by the Pastor and distributed later at services, or brought to you. The book and calendar are limited to one copy per household.

I believe I have accounted for most everyone, but it would be good to check with me to be sure I have your name.

FEAST REGISTRATION

If you have not yet registered through the Cogwa Portal for the Feast of Tabernacles, you need to do this ASAP. All our members, including those unable to attend the Feast this year are asked to register. There is a place for "not attending". We are asked to account for all the members of our local congregations on the Feast registration report.

As a reminder...YOUR 2023 FESTIVAL ADVISORS

Raleigh – Wesley Wood

Greensboro – Roger Robertson

Hickory – Mike Dial

If you have any questions or problems with any Festival issue including housing or transportation, please don't hesitate to contact your local Festival advisor.

HICKORY ANNOUNCEMENT – LUNCHEON AT BARBARA SPROUSE HOME:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20th! Barbara Sprouse is inviting everyone to come over to her home for a summer luncheon. Plan to bring your favorite picnic foods, sides, desserts, and drinks for sharing. Plates, cups, napkins, and cutlery will be provided. There will be a grill made available for anyone who wishes to use it. Please plan to arrive around 12noon and we'll eat at 12:30pm. Barbara asks that you bring a lawn chair if you wish to sit outside or a folding chair for indoors as she is limited to both.

This is a perfect opportunity to spend time with your church family for quality fellowship. Games of all types are a welcome addition to the fun! Please see Barbara for details and to advise if you will be able to attend.

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club will be held next Sabbath, August 5th in Raleigh, and in Hickory and Greensboro on August 12. The topic of discussion will be setting the best example possible as a member of God's Church. How do we do that?

NEW HICKORY FOI PROJECT ANNOUNCED:

From Amanda Shaver and Diane O'Brien

Kintegra Behavioral Health is a company based out of Gastonia, North Carolina. They place mental health therapists within grades K-12. Newton-Conover is a small school system within Catawba County that serves low-income families who often cannot afford basic school supplies. Amanda Shaver works in one of these schools, Shuford Elementary, and would like to assist with donations by providing students with basic school needs.

Today is the first day for back-to-school donations. If you have any donations, please place them in the labeled box on the designated table. *THERE IS A LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS AVAILABLE ON THE INFORMATION TABLE.* This project will run through August 26th. At the end of August, a designated time and place will be picked for volunteers to help pack donated items in bookbags. If you think you might like to be a volunteer, please see Amanda Shaver. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Amanda Shaver or Diane O'Brien.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Mr. Bill Braswell is seeking volunteers to sing in the choir for the Feast of Trumpets in Mebane this year. If you are interested in receiving the information, please contact Mr. Braswell directly, or contact Mr. Kelley. In order for the choir to be successful we really need some additional volunteers.

GREENSBORO – This is especially directed to you. Mr. Braswell has selected a very nice chorale piece that will really be uplifting for the brethren on this special Holy Day.

CHECK INFO TABLE

Please don't forget to check the information table for print-outs of various announcements and the weekly blog. **Also remember we have cards to sign for those who are on the prayer request list.**

RALEIGH PHONE HOOKUP:

Raleigh Phone Hookup – If you ever have to miss Sabbath services you can call in to a central number and connect to the live phone hookup via FreeConferencing.com. At 1:30 pm you need to dial the conference number and then enter the participant access code, and that should connect you. The dial-in number is: **(667-770-1428)** The participant access code is: **539955#**. If you have any questions please contact Julius AungMin.

RALEIGH ZOOM VIDEO CONNECTION

Meeting ID: 862 858 5810

Passcode: cogwanc (all lower case)

Link to join is below:

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#) or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8628585810#success>

ACCESSING OUR LOCAL MEMBERS WEBSITE

The website is:

<http://greensboro.cogwa.org/>

Then you will see a small place in the upper right hand corner of the page to enter in a user name and password:

Login: nc_member

Password: (see Mr. Kelley).